

Abstract of the Disclosure

A remote control for the visually impaired provides improved control over televisions and other appliances. The remote control has an input module, which
5 may be a keypad, for receiving user inputs. The remote control further has a wireless transmitter module for sending control signals to an appliance being controlled. The remote control further has a speech module for uttering speech signals indicative of the user input. In an optional learning mode, the remote control only utters commands as they are entered, and does not transmit the commands. In another
10 optional mode, the remote control only transmits control signals, and does not utter the corresponding speech signals. By the remote control providing both training and also feedback, blind users become better able to operate their complicated appliances independently, with fewer mistakes, and with less intervention.